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# DAREDEVIL®

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

YOU CAME  
HERE TO **RESCUE**  
KAREN PAGE,  
DAREDEVIL--

--BUT YOU'VE  
ONLY SUCCEEDED  
IN **DESTROYING**  
YOURSELF!

WE'LL SEE  
ABOUT THAT,  
DEATH'S  
HEAD!

EXTRA!  
SPECIAL  
GUEST STAR:  
THE  
**GHOST  
RIDER!**  
THE MOST  
SUPERNATURAL  
HERO OF ALL!



He dwells in eternal night— but the blackness is filled with sounds and scents other men cannot perceive. Though attorney MATT MURDOCK is *blind*, his other senses function with *superhuman sharpness*—his radar sense guides him over every obstacle! He stalks the streets, a red-garbed foe of evil!

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# WHERE IS KAREN PAGE?

FIRST THINGS FIRST, MARVELITE! YOU ARE **NOT** COMING INTO THE MIDDLE OF A STORY. WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS HAPPENING **NOW!**

THE PLACE IS **LOS ANGELES**, AND THIS BUILDING ABOUT TO BE DEMOLISHED IS THE L.A. SCIENCE INSTITUTE.

REMEMBER ALL THAT, PILGRIM. THERE WILL BE A **TEST** LATER!

I WUZ **TOLD** TA WATCH OUT FER YOU BY **DEATH'S HEAD!** BUT I DON'T KNOW **WHY!**

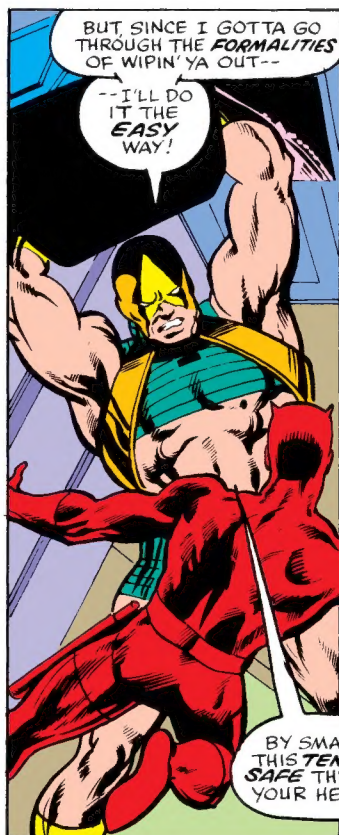
THE WAY **I** SEE THINGS, YER GONNA BE A **PUSHER!**

'CAUSE THE **SMASHER'S** GONNA PULVERIZE YA RIGHT INTO THE **GROUND!**

MUSCLE-BREATH ISN'T **KIDDING!** HE SIMPLY **BRUSHED** HIS HAND AGAINST ME--

--AND I FEEL AS IF MY **RIBS** HAVE GONE THROUGH AN **EARTHQUAKE!**





BUT SINCE I GOTTA GO THROUGH THE **FORMALITIES** OF WIPIN' YA OUT--

--I'LL DO IT THE **EASY** WAY!

BY SMASHIN' THIS **TEN TON** **SAFE** THROUGH YOUR HEAD!



SORRY CHARLIE, BUT EVERYONE'S FAVORITE HORN-HEAD **DOESN'T** WIPE OUT EASILY!

NOT WHEN I STILL HAVE **KAREN PAGE** TO FIND.



AND **CERTAINLY** NOT WHEN I KNOW **HE'S** SOMEHOW INVOLVED WITH HER KIDNAPPING.\*

\*GHOST RIDER\*19--MW.

KAREN ONCE MEANT THE **WORLD** TO ME. SHE WAS MY **FRIEND**, MY **LOVER**... MY CONFIDANT-- THE ONLY **OTHER** PERSON WHO KNEW MATT MURDOCK WAS DAREDEVIL.

WHICH IS WHAT **BROKE** US UP-- BECAUSE **SHE** COULDN'T ACCEPT MATT CONSTANTLY BEING IN **DANGER**...AND **I** COULDN'T GIVE UP BEING DAREDEVIL...NOT EVEN FOR **HER**.

BUT, FOR WHAT WE **WERE**, FOR WHAT WE **MEANT** TO EACH OTHER... I **HAD** TO COME OUT HERE AND **FIND** HER.

BETTER GET YOUR **ACT** TOGETHER, CHARLIE. DAREDEVIL WANTS **INFORMATION**, AND I'LL GET IT FROM YOU--

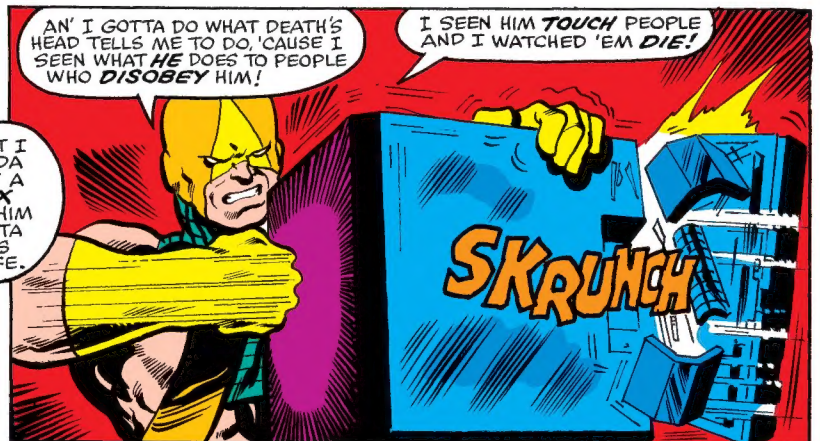
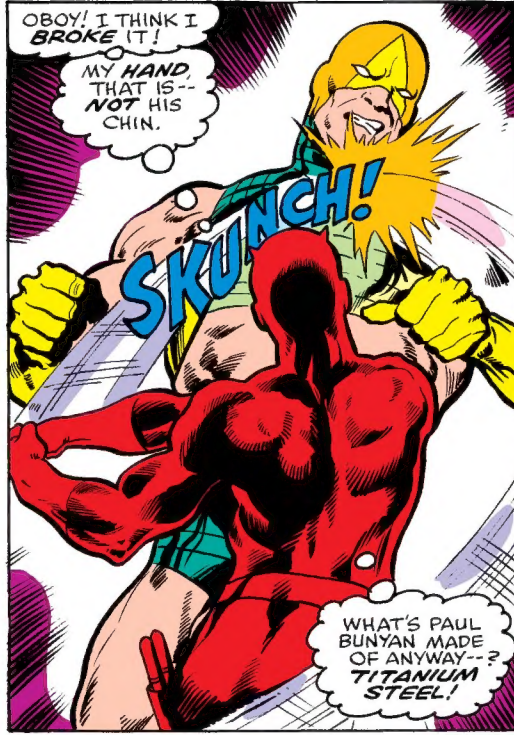
--EVEN IF I HAVE TO **DISSECT** YOUR BRAIN TO GET IT.

PROVIDING I CAN **FIND** YOUR BRAIN IN ALL THAT SEWAGE UP THERE.



**WHAM!**



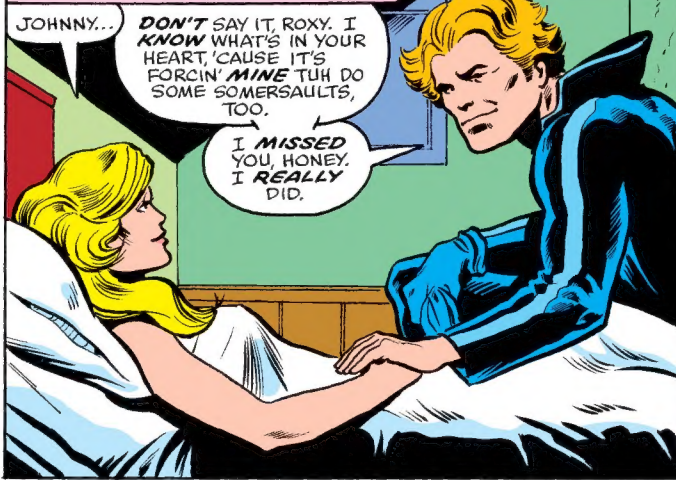








LET US **SHIFT** OUR ATTENTIONS ELSEWHERE AND INTRODUCE JOHNNY BLAZE (BETTER KNOWN AS-- THE **GHOST RIDER**), AND THE LOVELY ROXANNE SIMPSON, TO ONE AND ALL...

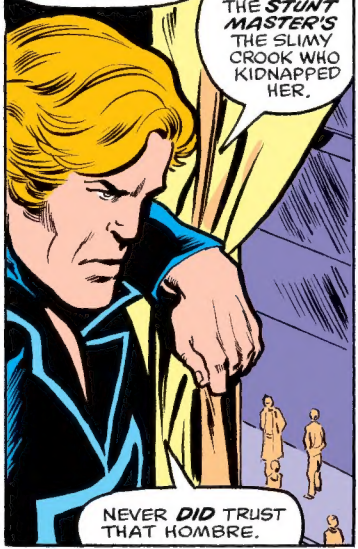


I **STILL** DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, OR WHO THIS KATY MILNER YOU MENTIONED IS.

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THAT **YOU** WEREN'T ACTIN' YOURSELF FOR A SPELL...



BUT, Y'KNOW, EVEN **WITH** YOU BACK, I **STILL** GOT PROBLEMS, WHICH IS PROBL'Y **PAR** FOR MY LIFE.

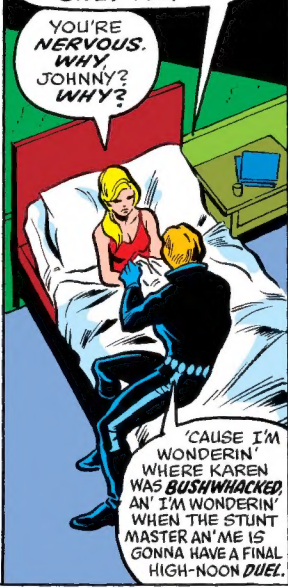


I SENSE SOMETHING, JOHNNY. WHEN YOU MENTIONED **KAREN PAGE**, THERE WAS SOMETHING IN YOUR **VOICE** WHICH SAID YOU CARED DEEPLY FOR HER.



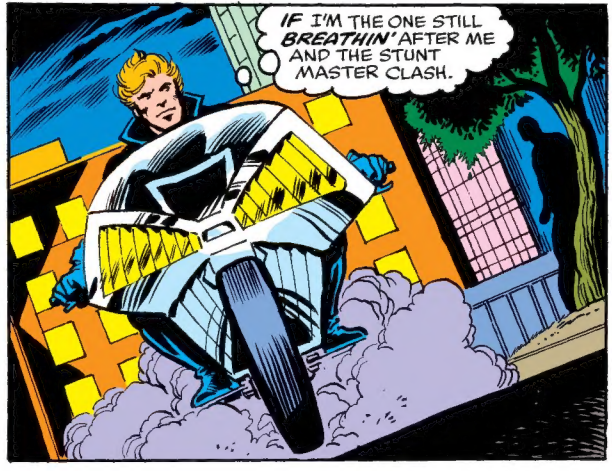
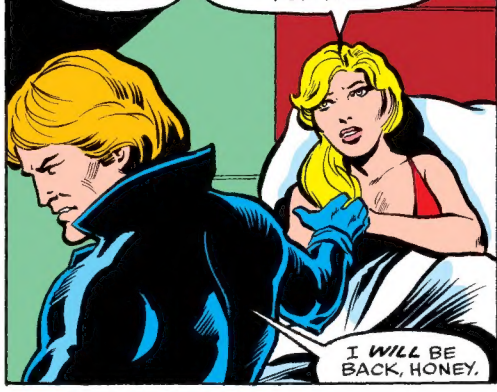
SHE'S A **FRIEND**, ROXY. PURE AN' SIMPLE.

BUT I **LOVE** ONLY YOU, ROXANNE SIMPSON. **ONLY** YOU.

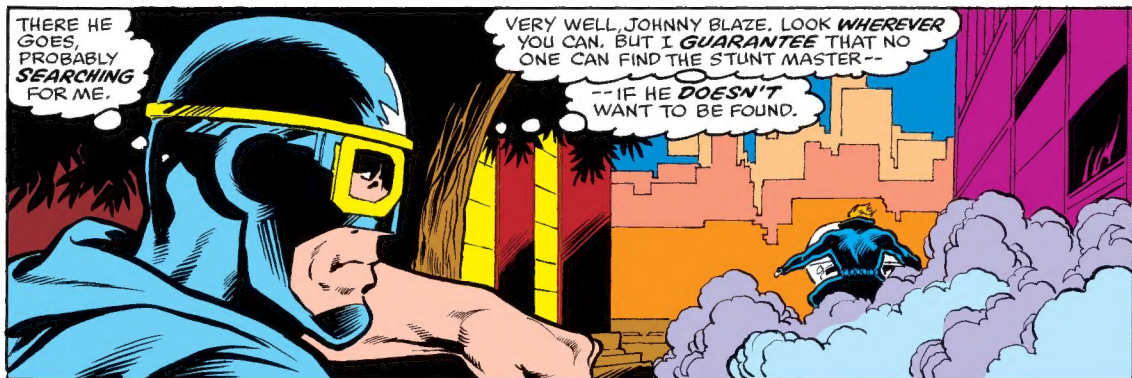


THEN **GO**, JOHNNY. DO WHAT YOU MUST.

AND COME BACK TO ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE. I'LL BE **WAITING** HERE FOR YOU.



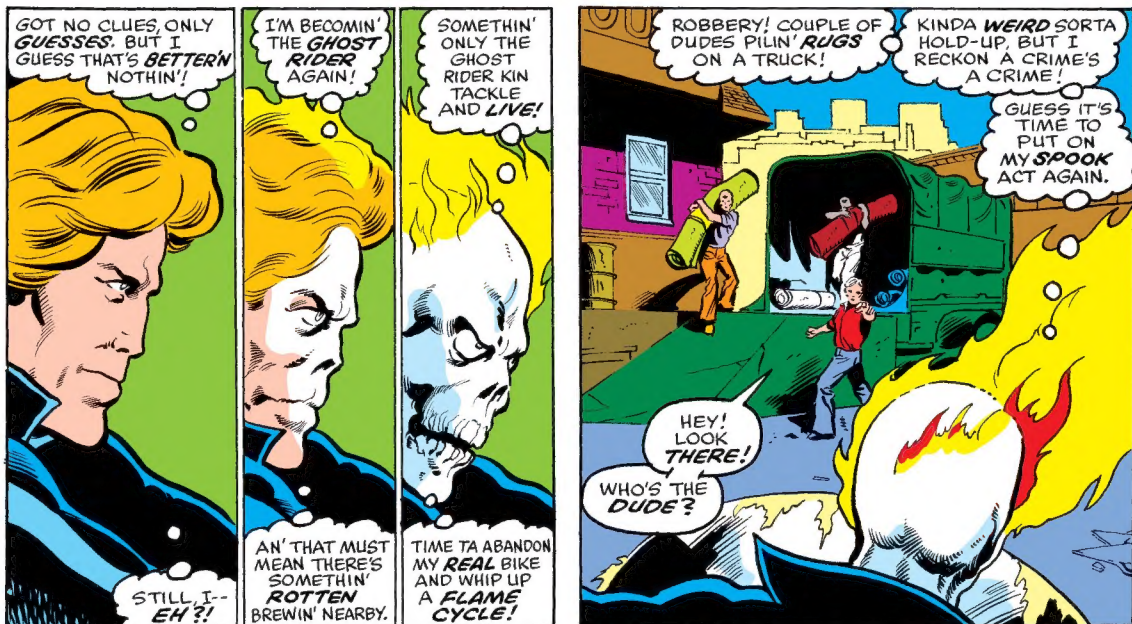




THERE HE GOES, PROBABLY **SEARCHING** FOR ME.

VERY WELL, JOHNNY BLAZE. LOOK **WHEREVER** YOU CAN. BUT I **GUARANTEE** THAT NO ONE CAN FIND THE STUNT MASTER--

--IF HE **DOESN'T** WANT TO BE FOUND.



GOT NO CLUES, ONLY **GUESSES**. BUT I GUESS THAT'S **BETTER'N** NOTHIN'!

I'M BECOMIN' THE **GHOST RIDER** AGAIN!

SOMETHIN' ONLY THE **GHOST RIDER** KIN TACKLE AND **LIVE**!

ROBBERY! COUPLE OF **DUDES** PILIN' **RUGS** ON A TRUCK!

KINDA **WEIRD** SORTA HOLD-UP. BUT I RECKON A CRIME'S A CRIME!

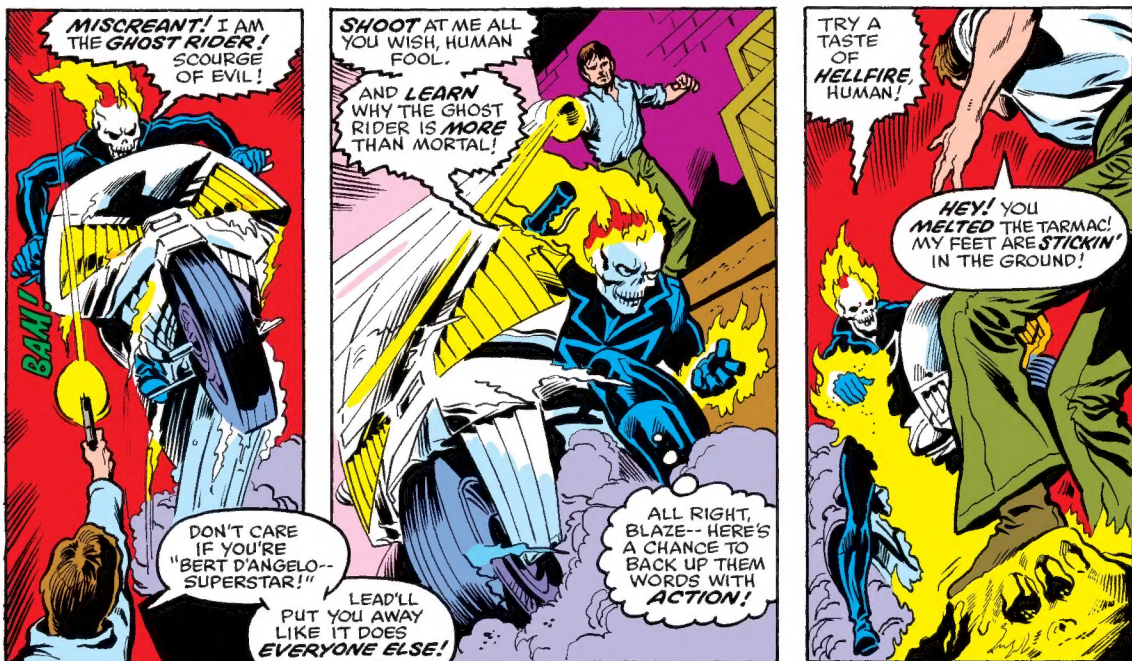
GUESS IT'S TIME TO PUT ON MY **SPOOK** ACT AGAIN.

HEY! LOOK **THERE**!  
WHO'S THE **DUDE**?

STILL, I--  
**EH?!**

AN' THAT MUST MEAN THERE'S SOMETHIN' **ROTTEN** BREWIN' NEARBY.

TIME TA ABANDON MY **REAL** BIKE AND WHIP UP A **FLAME** **CYCLE**!



**MISCREANT!** I AM THE **GHOST RIDER**! SCOURGE OF EVIL!

**SHOOT** AT ME ALL YOU WISH, HUMAN FOOL.

AND **LEARN** WHY THE **GHOST RIDER** IS **MORE** THAN MORTAL!

TRY A TASTE OF **HELLFIRE** HUMAN!

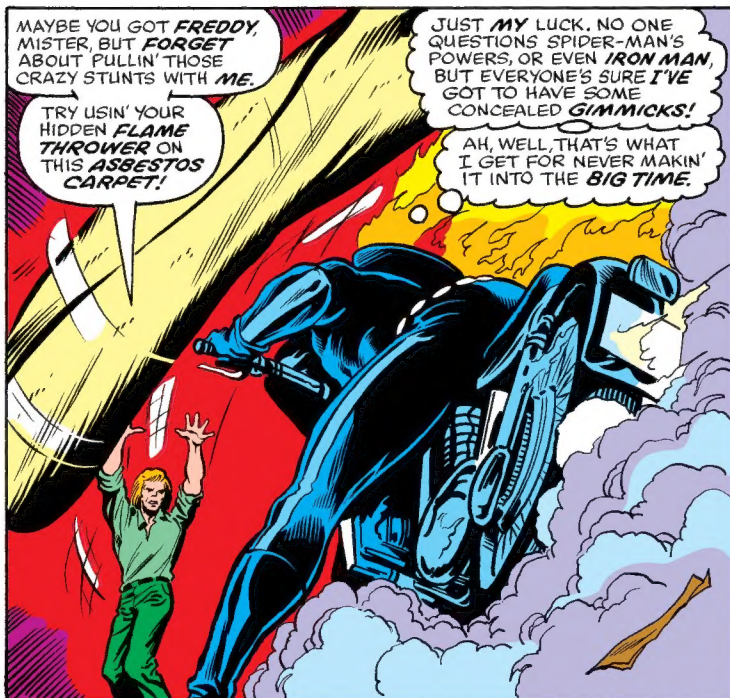
HEY! YOU **MELTED** THE TARMAC! MY FEET ARE **STICKIN'** IN THE GROUND!

DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE "**BERT D'ANGELO--** SUPERSTAR!"

LEAD'LL PUT YOU AWAY LIKE IT DOES **EVERYONE ELSE**!

ALL RIGHT, BLAZE-- HERE'S A CHANCE TO BACK UP THEM WORDS WITH **ACTION**!





MAYBE YOU GOT **FREDDY**, MISTER, BUT **FORGET** ABOUT PULLIN' THOSE CRAZY STUNTS WITH **ME**.

TRY USIN' YOUR HIDDEN **FLAME THROWER** ON THIS **ASBESTOS CARPET**!

JUST **MY** LUCK. NO ONE QUESTIONS **SPIDER-MAN'S** POWERS, OR EVEN **IRON MAN**, BUT EVERYONE'S SURE I'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME CONCEALED **GIMMICKS**!

AH, WELL, THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR NEVER MAKIN' IT INTO THE **BIG TIME**.



BUT I **DON'T** NEED NO POWERS TO TAKE CARE A' **THIS** BUNDLE!

A LITTLE **CYCLE-PLAY**--

--IS ENOUGH TO **DUCK UNDER** THAT FLYING **CARPET**!



AND LAY **INTO** THIS CREEP!

MORTAL FOOL! YOUR PETTY ATTEMPTS AT MURDER ARE **LAUGH-ABLE** TO THE **GHOST RIDER**!

**SMACK!**

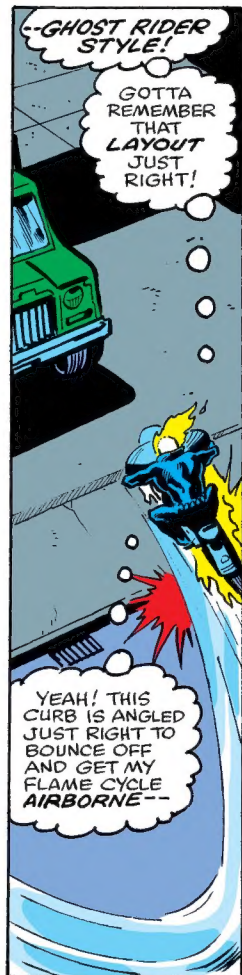
HARDLY WORTH USING THE **FULL HELL-BORN** POWER OF ONE WHO IS **BEYOND** LIFE AND DEATH!



TWO DOWN AND ONE **HOMBRE** LEFT.

HE'S MAKIN' FOR THAT **TRUCK**... TRYIN' TO **OUTRUN** ME.

GUESS I'LL HAVE TA GIVE 'IM ANOTHER LITTLE LESSON--

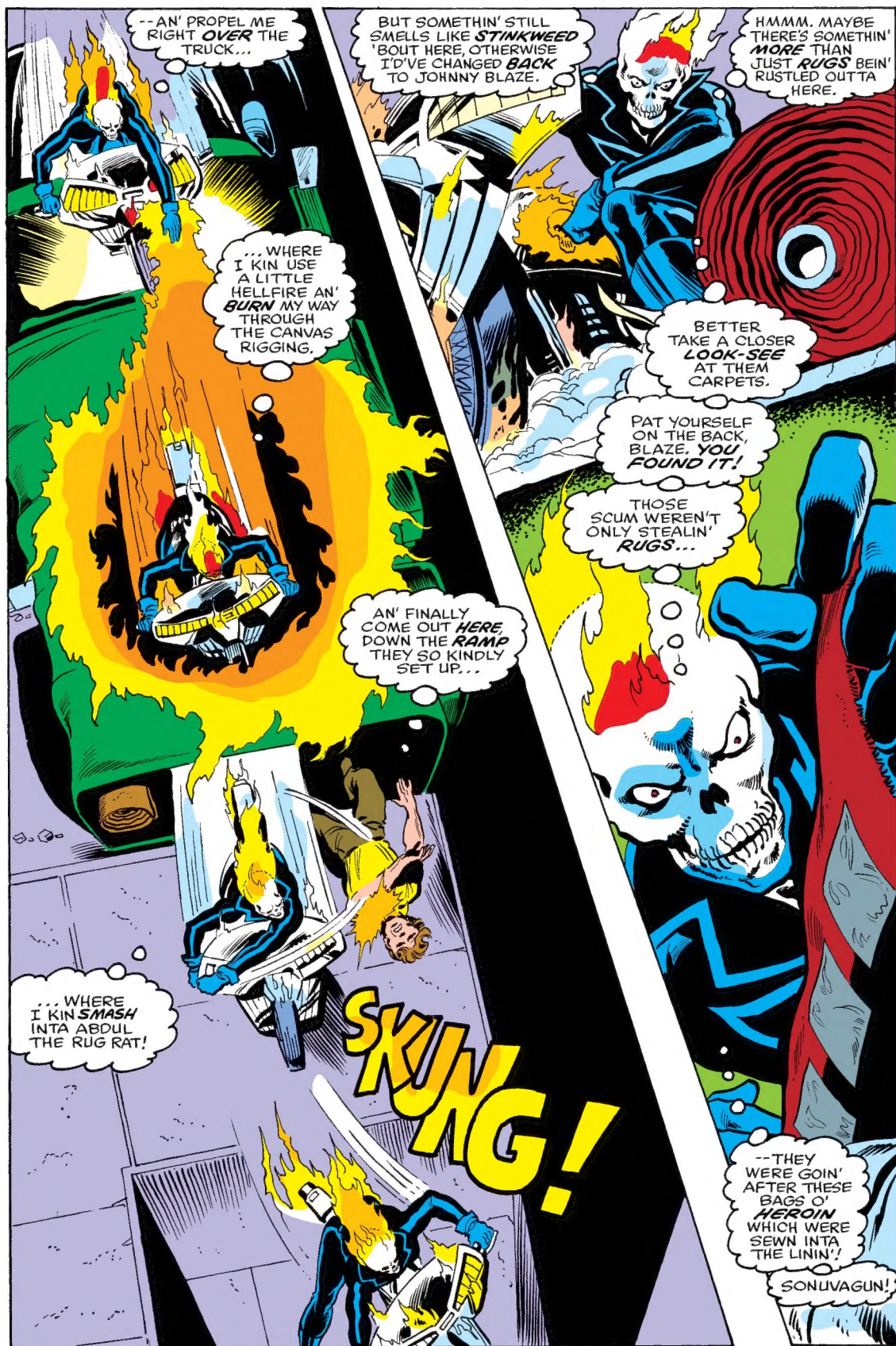


--**GHOST RIDER** STYLE!

GOTTA REMEMBER THAT **LAYOUT** JUST RIGHT!

YEAH! THIS CURB IS ANGLED JUST RIGHT TO BOUNCE OFF AND GET MY **FLAME CYCLE** AIRBORNE--





--AN' PROPEL ME  
RIGHT **OVER** THE  
TRUCK...

BUT SOMETHIN' STILL  
SMELLS LIKE **STINKWEED**  
'BOUT HERE, OTHERWISE  
I'D'VE CHANGED **BACK**  
TO JOHNNY BLAZE.

HMMM. MAYBE  
THERE'S SOMETHIN'  
**MORE** THAN  
JUST **RUGS** BEIN'  
RUSTLED OUTTA  
HERE.

...WHERE  
I KIN USE  
A LITTLE  
HELLFIRE AN'  
**BURN** MY WAY  
THROUGH THE CANVAS  
RIGGING.

BETTER  
TAKE A CLOSER  
**LOOK-SEE**  
AT THEM  
CARPETS.

PAT YOURSELF  
ON THE BACK,  
BLAZE. **YOU**  
**FOUND IT!**

THOSE  
SCUM WEREN'T  
ONLY STEALIN'  
**RUGS**...

AN' FINALLY  
COME OUT **HERE**  
DOWN THE **RAMP**  
THEY SO KINDLY  
SET UP...

...WHERE  
I KIN **SMASH**  
INTA ABDUL  
THE RUG RAT!

**SKUNG!**

--THEY  
WERE GOIN'  
AFTER THESE  
BAGS O'  
**HEROIN**  
WHICH WERE  
SEWN INTO  
THE LININ'!

**SONUVAGUN!**











MEANTIME, A FEW YARDS AWAY, THE TARGET OF DAREDEVIL'S SEARCH ANGRILY PACES ABOUT A RATHER LUXURIOUS PRISON.

I'M WAITING FOR YOU. COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK AND PLAY YOUR HAND.

IT'S TIME FOR THE FAMOUS CONFRONTATION SCENE, AND AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE MY FATHER.

AND WHY YOU'VE DRESSED UP AS HE DID BEFORE HE DIED.

IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I'M INSURED. THE STUDIO WILL PAY YOUR ROTTEN RANSOM.

A RATHER MELODRAMATIC SPEECH, MISS PAGE. YOU ARE A GOOD ACTRESS.

QUITE A CHANGE FROM WHEN YOU WERE MERELY A LOW-PAID SECRETARY, IS IT NOT?

SO THERE YOU ARE, STILL IN THAT COSTUME.

ALL RIGHT, MISTER. WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

EH--

YOU LEARN YOUR LINES WELL, MISS PAGE. WASN'T THAT SPEECH THE SAME ONE YOU PLAYED IN "THE FORGET-ME-KNOT?" "STRONG WOMAN VERSUS BIG BUSINESS?"

BUT THIS ISN'T A PLAY, MISS PAGE. WELL-SPOKEN DIALOGUE WILL NOT HELP HERE.

YOUR FATHER ONCE WORE THIS GUISE, AND I WEAR IT NOW, BUT UNLIKE YOUR FATHER'S, THIS ISN'T MERELY A COSTUME.

IT IS A DEVICE, HOWEVER, TO FORCE THE INFORMATION I NEED FROM YOU.

I NEED TO KNOW OF YOUR FATHER'S RESEARCH INTO TIME DISPLACEMENT AND HIS COBALT THEOREM OF THE FOURTH DIMENSION!

NO! I CANT ANSWER ANYTHING! I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE PART IN THIS INSANITY!

I WANT OUT OF HERE-- NOW!

YOU'RE GOIN' NOWHERE, LADY. NOT WHILE THE SMASHER GUARDS THIS DOOR.

OH H H H H H H H

THERE IS NOWHERE FOR YOU TO GO, KAREN PAGE, NO HOPE OF RESCUE, NO FREEDOM IN THE OFFING--

--UNTIL YOU TELL ME WHAT I WISH TO KNOW!





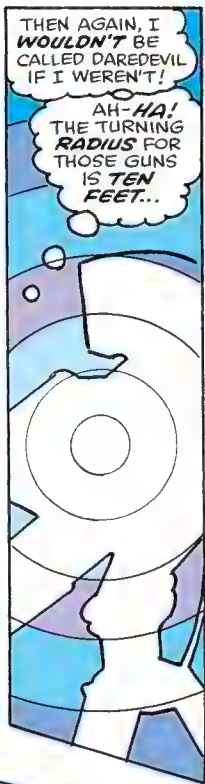
MEAN-  
WHILE...

I THINK I'VE WORKED IT  
**OUT.**

THOSE MACHINE  
GUNS ARE ON A  
LIMITED **SWIVEL**,  
WHICH MEANS...

...IF I  
CAN **UPSET**  
JUST **ONE**  
OF THEM,  
THE CHANCES  
ARE I CAN  
**FORCE**  
MY WAY  
THROUGH  
THEIR  
BARRAGE.

PROVIDING I'M  
BOTH **FAST**  
AND **AGILE**  
ENOUGH.



THEN AGAIN, I  
**WOULDN'T** BE  
CALLED DAREDEVIL  
IF I WEREN'T!

AH-HA!  
THE TURNING  
**RADIUS** FOR  
THOSE GUNS  
IS **TEN**  
**FEET...**

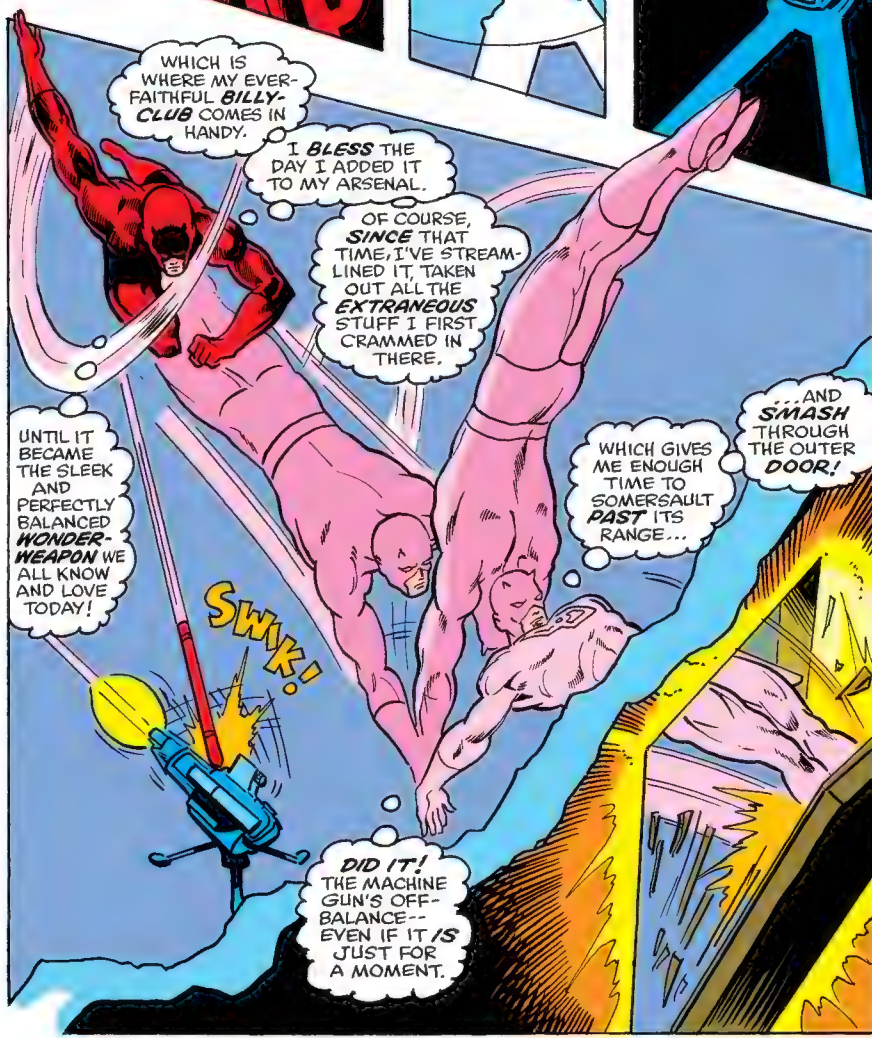


AFTER THAT,  
A **DIFFERENT**  
GUN STARTS  
FIRING.



WHICH MEANS I'VE  
GOT TO **GO THROUGH**  
THE TEN-FOOT SPAN  
OF ONLY **ONE** MACHINE  
GUN, AND I'VE GOT TO  
MAKE SURE IT'S  
FIRING **AWAY** FROM  
ME AS I DO.

YOU REALLY PICK  
ALL THE **EASY**  
JOBS, DON'T YOU,  
HORNHEAD!



WHICH IS  
WHERE MY EVER-  
FAITHFUL **BILLY-  
CLUB** COMES IN  
HANDY.

I **BLESS** THE  
DAY I ADDED IT  
TO MY ARSENAL.

OF COURSE,  
**SINCE** THAT  
TIME, I'VE STREAM-  
LINED IT, TAKEN  
OUT ALL THE  
**EXTRANEUS**  
STUFF I FIRST  
CRAMMED IN  
THERE.

UNTIL IT  
BECAME  
THE SLEEK  
AND  
PERFECTLY  
BALANCED  
**WONDER-  
WEAPON** WE  
ALL KNOW  
AND LOVE  
TODAY!

**SWIK!**

WHICH GIVES  
ME ENOUGH  
TIME TO  
SOMERSAULT  
**PAST** ITS  
RANGE...

...AND  
**SMASH**  
THROUGH  
THE OUTER  
**DOOR!**

**DID IT!**  
THE MACHINE  
GUN'S OFF-  
BALANCE--  
EVEN IF IT'S  
JUST FOR  
A MOMENT.



NOW  
TO FIND KAREN  
AND GET HER  
**OUT** OF HERE.

I'LL  
**RETURN**  
**AFTER**  
SHE'S  
SAFELY  
OUT OF  
THE WAY!

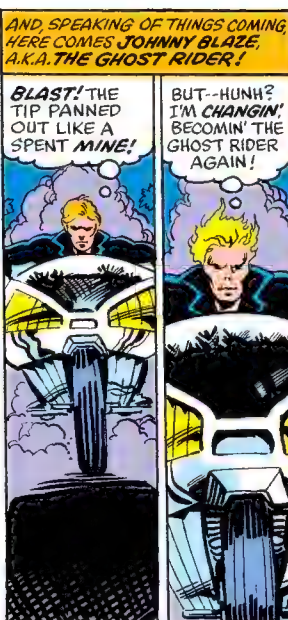




I'M **CERTAIN** KAREN IS HERE, WHICH RAISES THE **QUESTION**: HOW WILL I ACT WHEN WE MEET AGAIN?

I'VE ALWAYS **WONDERED** WHAT FEELINGS I STILL HAVE FOR HER, AND **IF** SHE STILL CARES FOR ME.

CALM DOWN, HERO, TAKE THINGS AS THEY **COME**.



AND, SPEAKING OF THINGS COMING, HERE COMES **JOHNNY BLAZE**, A.K.A. **THE GHOST RIDER**!

**BLAST!** THE TIP PANNED OUT LIKE A SPENT **MINE**!

BUT--HUNH? I'M **CHANGIN'** BECOMIN' THE GHOST RIDER AGAIN!



THAT MEANS THERE'S **DANGER** LURKIN' NEARBY.

KEEP AN EYE-SOCKET OPEN, HANDSOME.



CYCLE ROARIN' UP **BEHIND** ME.

**WHAT?** IT CAN'T BE!

**STUNT-MAN!** THE DUDE I'M LOOKIN' FOR!



HERE WE GO AGAIN.

**CRETIN!** YOU HAVE MOCKED THE **FRIENDSHIP** YOU HAD WITH JOHN BLAZE!

FOR THAT, YOU MUST FEEL THE FULL FURY OF **HELLFIRE**!

HOLY CROW! HE MELTED MY CYCLE!

HE MUST HAVE A **FLAME THROWER** RIGGED UP IN THAT COSTUME.

JOHNNY-- PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!

I'VE BEEN **FOLLOWING** YOU, WAITING FOR YOU TO BE ALONE, SO I COULD **EXPLAIN** IT ALL.

I WAS **FORCED** TO KIDNAP KAREN-- **FORCED** BY SOME CREEP NAMED **DEATH'S HEAD**!

PREPARE TO **SUFFER** THE STING OF THE GHOST RIDER'S **POWER**!

PREPARE TO KNOW THE **TRUE** MEANING OF **HELL**!

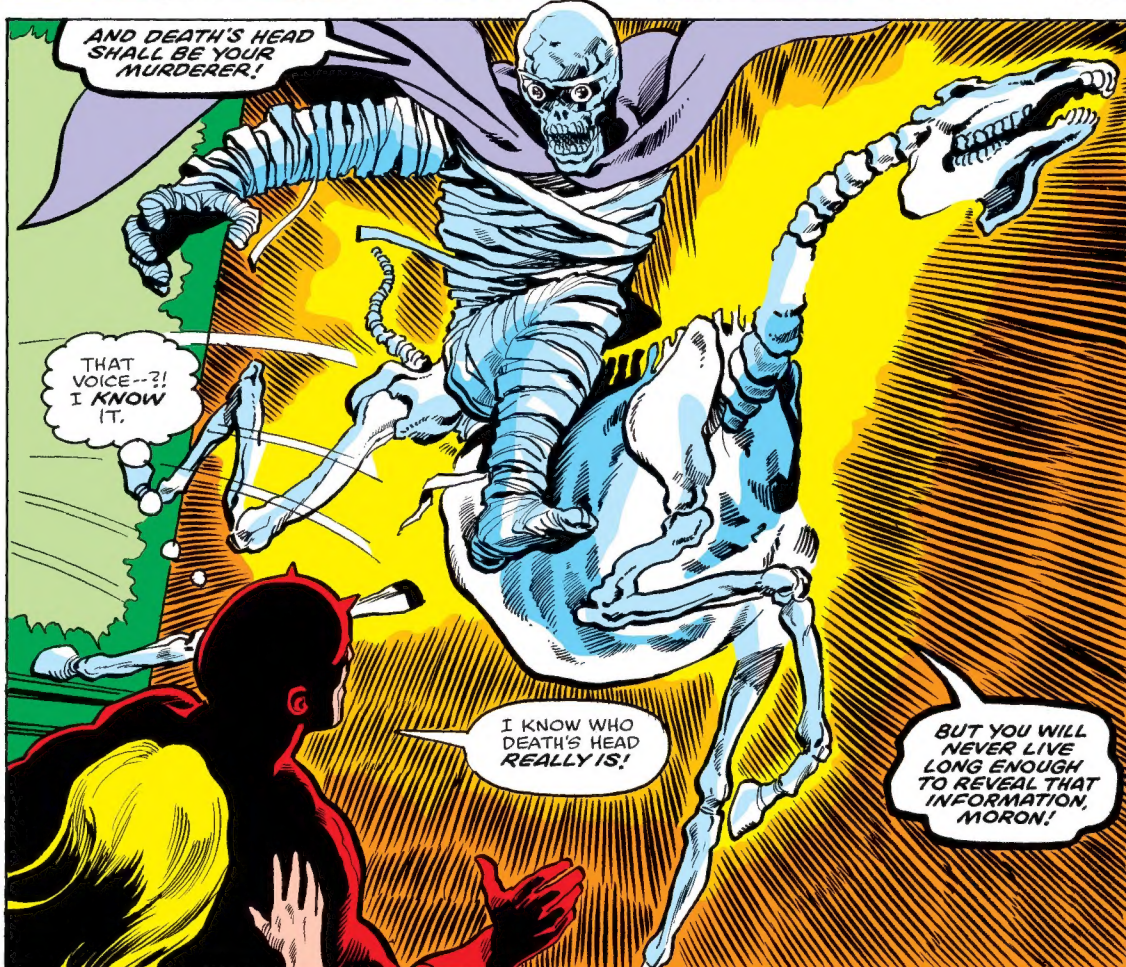
KAREN TOLD ME HER **FATHER** CALLED HIMSELF THAT BEFORE HE **DIED**!

**SPEAK** FAST, MORTAL! GHOST RIDER WILL LISTEN **ONLY** AS LONG AS YOU **INTEREST** ME!

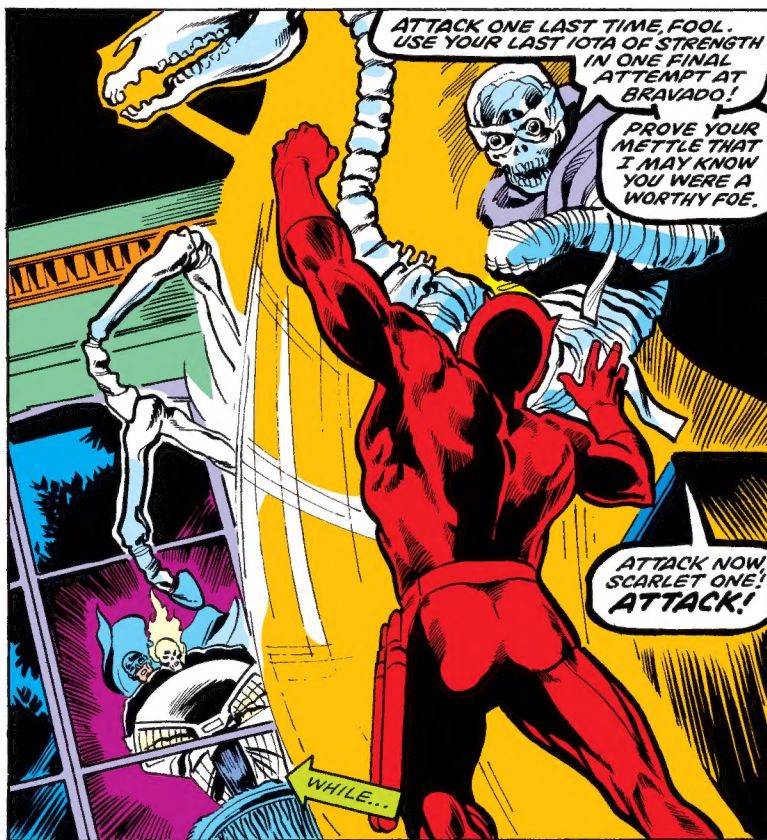
















**ATTACK  
AND DIE!!**

HE'S CAUGHT  
ME...AND MY  
LIFE'S BEING  
DRAINED AWAY!

HORNHEAD,  
IT LOOKS AS IF  
THIS TIME YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO  
MAKE IT!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE THIS  
IS YOUR  
FINAL  
BATTLE!

**KRASH!**

I'VE FINALLY  
FOUND KAREN  
PAGE, BUT I NEVER  
EXPECTED I'D ALSO  
FIND THAT!

DAREDEVIL'S  
BEING  
MURDERED  
BEFORE  
MY EYES--

--AND  
I DON'T  
KNOW IF  
EVEN THE  
GHOST  
RIDER CAN  
STOP IT!

TO BE CONTINUED IN **GHOST RIDER** #20!  
ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

AND, BE SURE TO BE WITH US NEXT ISSUE WHEN THE EXCITEMENT MOVES BACK TO NEW YORK FOR--

**A NIGHT OF FEAR!**